

Help Paddington end family homelessness.

Host a *be homeful* Paddington Storytime



What is a Paddington Storytime?

You may have heard the news about the new CGI feature film *Paddington*TM which launched in theaters nationwide on January 16th.

Everybody's favorite bear has partnered with the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness to launch the *be homeful* project, a refreshingly positive campaign designed to give families the tools to educate their children about homelessness and raise funds to end homelessness for good.

We are reaching out to libraries and schools across the state to host Paddington Storytimes. These events offer children a unique opportunity to learn about homelessness in a safe, friendly space with their friends and family.

How do Paddington Storytimes work? It's easy!

1. Read the story of Paddington by Michael Bond.

Paddington is homeless when he first travels from Darkest Peru to London.

2. Lead a discussion.

How would Paddington have felt when he didn't have a home? Why is it important to have a home? How can we help families who don't have homes be safe and comfortable? You can find facts about family homelessness in your area at www.behomeful.org.

3. Do a *be homeful* craft activity.

Download activity sheets and Marmalade Drive instructions from www.behomeful.org/teach. Participants use their own creativity to teach their communities about the importance of home.



Help end homelessness in your community by hosting your own *Paddington Storytime*.



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